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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 4212

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR, SU

SUBJ: TRANSFER OF IRANIAN PATROL BOATS TO SUDAN

REFS: (A) STATE 090607; (B) STATE 092520 (NOTAL)

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTELS, CHIEF ARMISH/MAAG AND EMBOFF SAW GENERAL TOUFANIAN MAY 6 TO DESCRIBE SITUATION CREATED BY LACK OF IIN/SCS COORDINATION TO OBTAIN USG APPROVAL BEFORE IRANIAN TRANSFER OF PATROL BOATS TO SUDAN. ASKED THAT TOUFANIAN TAKE MEASURES TO ASSURE THAT INCIDENT WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. TOUFANIAN, WHO HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOAT TRANSFER, EXPRESSED HIS COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF USG POSITION AND SAID HE WOULD INVESTIGATE MATTER THOROUGHLY. AS DID GENERAL AZHARI AND ADMIRAL ATTAIE BEFORE HIM, TOUFANIAN INDICATED GOI WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID REPETITION OF INCIDENT.

2. EMBOFF LATER CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY AMERICAS DESK DIRECTOR (HATEF) AND REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF BOAT TRANSFER AND CONVERSATION WITH TOUFANIAN. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST, HATEF AGREED TO COMMUNICATE WITH IRANIAN EMBASSY KHARTOUM TO INFORM GOS OF USG REQUIREMENT FOR THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER ASSURANCES. WE SUGGESTED THAT MFA ASK IRANIAN EMBASSY KHARTOUM TO COORDINATE WITH AMEMBASSY THERE BEFORE APPROACHING GOS. HATEF AGREED.

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3. ALTHOUGH HATEF SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND SITUATION FULLY,
AND READILY AGREED TO OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH
KHARTOUM, WE HOPE THAT OUR EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE APPROPRIATE
GUIDANCE TO IRANIANS ON THIS MATTER. WE HAVE SOME
DOUBT WHETHER CORRECT STORY WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO IRANIANS
IN KHARTOUM AND WOULD APPRECIATE COORDINATION EFFORTS OF
AMEMBASSY IN THIS MATTER.
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